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In re Application of:)
Renato PEDRAZZI) Parent Group Art Unit: 1723
Continuation of Application No. 09/980,864) Parent Examiner: Sun KIM
(Filing Date: April 12, 2002))
Filed: February 6, 2004)
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR)
CONTROLLING INFUSION OF A)
LIQUID IN AN EXTRACORPOREAL)
BLOOD CIRCUIT)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the above-identified patent application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in a prior application, application no. 09/980,864, filed on December 7, 2001, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO 1449.

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documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

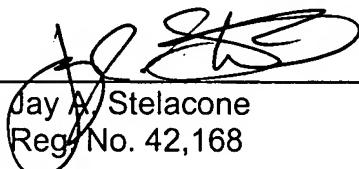
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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